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PLIA tradition continues

by Chuck Adams

At Dordt College the tradition of spending Spring Break in Texas or Florida is no stronger than the tradition of spending it "putting love into action." Once again, nearly 100 Dordt students spent their break painting walls, cleaning bathrooms, and putting shingles on roofs. This year groups, ranging in size from 12 to 24, traveled to five different Christian centers in different parts of the country.

The group that worked in Jackson, Mississippi, was the first from Dordt ever to work with Voice of Calvary ministries, a multi-racial Christian community with several programs designed to improve the area. The Jackson group focused on renovating a house "adopted" by the Siouxland Diocesan Conference in Jackson's poorest area. Painting was the main order of the day for all involved, although some members of the group also gained experience in caulking, minor construction work, and laying carpet.

Two other groups also worked in Mississippi. One group traveled to

Mendenhall, a small town only 30 miles from Jackson, where they worked for Mendenhall Ministries, a branch of Voice of Calvary in Jackson. Group members from Jackson and Mendenhall had the opportunity to visit each other and spent their free day together touring Jackson. Members of the Mendenhall group also got to paint much of the time, but they also spent time refurbishing a trailer house, building a storage area at the Center, and doing some work on the farm owned by Mendenhall Ministries.

The third group in Mississippi worked at the Cary Christian Health Center in Cary. Cary is the poorest and most segregated of the PLIA sites in Mississippi. A large number of first-time PLIA members travel to Cary each year because it is perhaps the most eye-opening experience on PLIA. In Cary, PLIA volunteers worked on homes in the community, making repairs on the homes of people without the money to make the repairs themselves.

Unlike the other sites, Inez, Kentucky, is an all-white community. However, many of the problems are the same--poverty is widespread and few resources are available to help the people in the area. Inez is in a picturesque corner of eastern Kentucky, just a short jaunt from West Virginia. The Appalachian forests encircle the town, which is home to Christian Appalachian Homes. Volunteers from Dordt spent time doing several jobs in Kentucky, many of them around the center, including helping at the thrift store where food and clothing are offered at a discount.

The group with the shortest distance to travel drove to Chicago's far South Side, working in the formerly Dutch Reformed enclave of Roseland. Since the late 1960's the Reformed and Christian Reformed churches have left the area and the neighborhood's residents are 99% African-American. The Roseland Christian Ministries Center, based in the old Back to God Hour building on the corner of 109th and Michigan, is working to

evangelize the community while at the same time trying to improve and renovate the area. Most of the work done in Roseland this year was focused on repair and renovation of both lived-in and abandoned housing. RCMC has an "adopt-a-house" program similar to that in Jackson, where churches, individuals, and businesses can adopt a house and help pay for and do some of the work of renovation. Several of the members of the Chicago PLIA group were there for the third and fourth times this year, testament to the great improvement seen in the area, as well as the lasting friendships made each Spring Break.

The experience of PLIA is unique--the different centers provide unique challenges, and each individual faces those challenges in a different way. The only way to experience the challenges and triumphs of PLIA volunteers is to do it yourself. And most every PLIA volunteer would agree that each Dordt student should do all they can to make sure they experience PLIA at least once.

North Hall protests curfew

by Dan Mennega

Riot! Protest! Punishment policies being broken! Sound very typical of Dordt College? Not really, especially for a Monday night. But March 13, 1989, was not the typical Monday night for residents of North Hall. In fact, for some, it was their most exciting college experience yet. It started out as a rumor--something about everyone going outside at midnight to protest a new curfew policy. At midnight, about 80 freshmen and sophomores from North Hall congregated outside of their residence building and through various chants, shouting, and a general message of dissatisfaction, coaxed the intervention of several local and state law officials and the attention of Mr. Marion Van Soelen, Dean of Students.

Why the protest? The main reason was the new policy abruptly introduced that Monday. The policy under fire was instated because of vandalism in North Hall in the form of whole rolls of toilet paper dumped into toilets, eggs and other objects thrown into stairwells, and the consistent disposal of alcohol containers in hallway wastebaskets. The policy stated that stricter curfews were in effect until those responsible for the damage were revealed or turned themselves in.

The students were taken by surprise, and the Resident Life staff (RA's, RD's) heard a lot of complaints about the fact that there were no

warnings prior to the punishment. The students' spokesman, Kevin Vander Hoek, says that many students didn't know that the vandalism was happening and they thought group punishment was an unjust method.

Immediately following the protest, discussions were held between different students, Van Soelen, and the Resident Life staff. It was decided that the following day there would be wing meetings to provide an opportunity for students to voice their opinions on the recent events. Ideas were brought up, discussed, and taken by each hall council member to a meeting of the housing staff. This was done with positive results.

Reactions to the protest varied from person to person. Vander Hoek thought the protest was effective in some ways, such as making everyone aware of the issue, making the Resident Life staff aware of the students' feelings, and activating both groups to work together to resolve the crisis. "The protest accomplished what it set out to do, but the same could have eventually been accomplished in a more civilized way," says Vander Hoek.

Marc Renkema, North Hall RD, felt that the protest didn't help, and the issue "could have been dealt with in another way." The Renkemas were the object of many harassing phone calls and letters, which they thought quite immature methods of communication. Renkema

appreciated those students who were willing to talk, and discussed the incident with whoever had something to say. "Kevin was a good, effective leader," says Renkema. Renkema feels the wing meetings really helped, and the positive peer pressure to stop the vandalism was already noticeable. The cleaning ladies have noticed a big improvement in the way the halls are taken of since March 13, and they really appreciate the cooperation.

"People are a lot more aware of things, and more willing to take a

hand in changing conditions," says Renkema about the effects of the whole ordeal. "It has also opened up inter-Resident Life staff relationships."

Vander Hoek feels things turned out all right through discussions and meetings. "Van Soelen was very receptive to the complaints and suggestions of the hall council."

At present, the curfew policy stands as it had before the punishment, on a probation basis.



Spokesman Kevin Vander Hoek speaks out for students' rights.
Photo by Ed Kronemeyer

News Shorts

by Teri Nikkel

One acts in action

Several Dordt students are busy with one-act plays this week. The first play, "Hello Out There" by William Saroyan, is a popular and touching story about two lonely and rejected young people who find fullness in each other. Kathy Powell, a senior from Oskaloosa, Iowa, will direct the play.

The second play, "Vigil" by Dordt's Dr. James Schaap, will be performed by the Repertory Theatre troupe and directed by Dr. Verne Meyer. The play portrays a young Christian couple's struggle to deal with the wife's cancer. The question is how should a Christian reconcile with disease while in the hands of a covenant God. "Vigil" is a "very involving story which deals with a real problem, and is filled with anxiety," says Meyer. The pieces are "important for Dordt to produce and for Dordt constituents to see."

Competition on campus

Nine high school bands from Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and South Dakota will take part in the 1989 band festival on campus on Friday, April 14. The day of performance competition will culminate in a 7:00 p.m. concert with the concert band in the college chapel.

A group of 100 trumpets will introduce the evening's program. Each of the bands will play one selection. For the finale, Professor Henry Duitman will conduct the 500 instrumentalists of the ten bands, en masse.

Seniors on show

Connie Klomp, a senior at Dordt, will perform in a vocal recital Wednesday, April 19, at 8:00 p.m. in the college chapel.

The evening's program will include sacred and German songs, and selections from popular operas. Vocalists Joan Van Holland, Darren Vant Hul, and Carrie Veenstra will join the recitalists in certain songs.

Senior Sandra Allspach, an art major, will exhibit a sampling of her work in the college art gallery beginning Friday, April 14, and closing Monday, April 24. Displays will include a quilt, black-and-white photography, ceramics, and drawings.

The public is invited to attend both Klomp's and Allspach's events free of charge.

Curing the campus blues

They have solutions for baldness, cures for ingrown toenails, and concoctions to remedy a bad set of teeth. They are the ten member cast of faculty and students from Briar Cliff College, to perform a Medicine Show at Dordt College. The performance will be on April 21, at 8:00 p.m., in the New World Theatre.

The Medicine Show has been a big hit at Briar Cliff every spring for the past five years, even though the miracle cures might only consist of swamp water or snake oil. The show is an enactment of the actual medicine shows which toured the midwest, according to research by Briar Cliff's Richard Poole. The singing, dancing, and comedy of this old-time Medicine Show will give the audience a chance to "let their hair down for a huge belly laugh," says Dr. Verne Meyer.

Tickets will go on sale April 17.

Auditions approaching

You may not be a Mary Poppins or an Oliver Twist, but you don't need to be to participate in the *Music Man*. The musical will be a "visual and auditory extravaganza" with a cast of about 50 people, says Dr. Verne Meyer, director of the musical. "Students who audition need no experience," stresses Meyer, "just the desire to work hard and have a hoot."

The *Music Man* is scheduled for the first and second weekends of October, with opening night being a dinner theatre for conferees in the Tri-state teacher's conference. But auditions are fast approaching. The auditions will be in three parts, with dance auditions being on April 21, and acting and vocal audition on April 24 and 25.

"The *Music Man* will feature a barbershop quartet, gutsy dancers, lots of comic bits, and an interesting story set in Iowa," says Meyer. Katie Zavada, a professional dancer and choreographer from Milwaukee, plans to visit campus a week and a half to work on the play. The Sioux County Orchestra will provide the music, which includes such popular tunes as "Seventy-six Trombones" and "Marian the Librarian."

For sign-up information on the *Music Man* auditions, see the theatre call board, across from the New World Theatre.



Photo by Amir Andrawis

Bruce Medema greets Angela Eriksen in "Hello Out There." This play, followed by "Vigil," will be performed for the second night on Saturday, April 15, 8:00 p.m., in the New World Theatre.

Canon hits campus

by Karla Kamp

Last semester's *Canon* really blasted off under editor Miriam Keen and guidance of supervisor Dr. James Schaap. This semester's will be no different.

Why the success? Keen attributes it to three factors. First is the cover story. Never before has the *Canon* had a feature article. First semester's cover of a younger Rev. B.J. Haan made readers curious. The magazine is also coming out earlier—not during Dead Week when no one cares to read a magazine. Finally, there is a larger selection of students' writings being published, not just the writing of a few select English majors.

It's not easy to choose what submissions to publish, says Keen. This semester's staff spent three and a half hours sorting through some fifty poems and short stories in order to cut down to about half that number for print. Keen says that a lot of the material was worth publishing, but there was not enough room in the magazine.

What's included in the semester's issue? The cover story features an interview with nine non-CRC students discussing whether Dordt is geared to the needs of students with a non-CRC background. Keen saw the need for a story like this on campus because the number of non-CRC students is increasing: ten years ago, eight

percent of Dordt students were non-CRC, and this year's thirteen percent only forecasts the increasing numbers. Keen says, "The way I and some other students perceive it, there are some things that need changes to meet the needs of the non-CRC student."

Besides the cover story and student submissions, other features include a comical section, Martin Seven awards, the work of three Dordt art students, and an article about Dr. Hulst.

Aiding Keen is a staff of eight and advisor Dr. Schaap. The staff "bat around ideas at meetings," write articles, take photos, and work with Keen on typing and editing the magazine. Keen estimates she spends three hours per week on the magazine before the submission deadline, but she says that after the deadline, "I spend every spare moment of my time, pounding on the computer or talking to people."

This semester's *Canon* is a sure hit. Three hundred more copies will be printed than last semester, boosting circulation to one thousand. The anticipated release date is Monday, April 24, but you'll have to hurry to get a copy—last semester's *Canon* was gone in a day and a half.

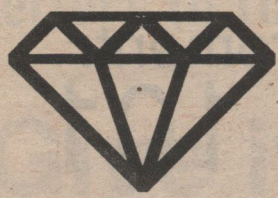
Keen says, "If students don't pick it up for the cover, we've got a lot of strong writing. If they don't pick it up, they'll be depriving themselves."

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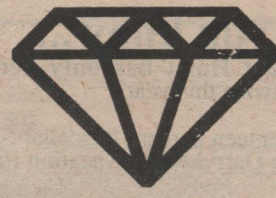
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Notice: newspaper names numerous new notoriously nominal, nasty nominees

Arnold Koekkoek:

- permanent memory
- bald spot, similar to Van Soelen's, gives look of authority
- every freshman knows he has nice legs by the final Western Civ. exam
- wouldn't need a loudspeaker at basketball games
- 24 years at Dordt
- has taught over 60% of Dordt's students

"I am applying for the position of Dean of Students [gesundheit] because I have the right personality. I am firm, but able to listen--not that I would ever change my mind. My greatest quality is my memory. I'd never forget the face of someone who walked into my office, nor would I forget any offense. Student Services would be able to cut down greatly on paper work. Mrs. Dekkenga could throw all of her files away."



Marc Geels

- Familiar with most violations
- forceful personality
- knows all fake excuses in the book
- could move his stereo & TV into the reception area to entertain waiting students
- needs the money
- already lives in Sioux Center

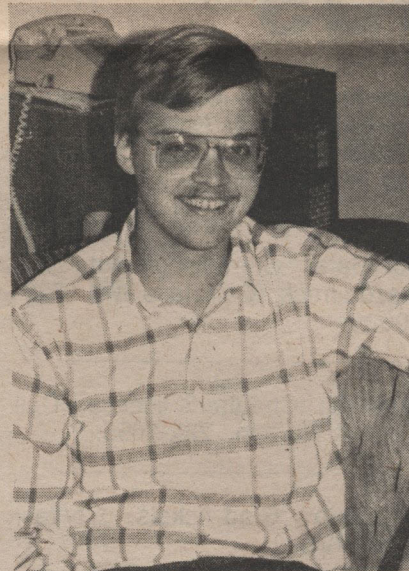
"I was born to be Dean of Students. In fact I've been down in the Dean's office so much that the secretaries have already started asking me if I have any letters or memos for them to write."



Rick Vander Berg

- Athletic Director, follows in Van Soelen's footsteps
- large, intimidating man
- will be able to announce properly the basketball starters
- his head attests to experience in dealing with students

"I think I have a good chance with this job. The greatest asset will be that I'll be able to find someone to play racquetball with. I'll do counselling while playing racquetball with problem students."



Marc Renkema

- RA: 1987/1988
- RD: 1988/1989
- psych major who understands Freudian psychology; would understand students' neuroses and would not intimidate the students--he has an oral fixation of chewing pens
- can grow a mustache

"I'd be active in students' lives. Every night at 12:00 I'd visit the dorms and, beginning with North Hall, I'd tuck each student into bed. I'd keep good contact with the students, even the women, by walking halls every half hour. I'd make sure the print shop made an extra 100 yellow pads. I'd offer a reward system for the RA who wrote the most fines."



Sander Verberg

- has already had experience being bald
- promises Sunday night toga parties
- not afraid to give students the ax
- familiar with Dean of Student's daily routine
- has Viking blood

"My picture says it all. I command respect. Law and order is my middle name. I tell it like it is."



B. J. Haan

- Former College president
- would be gone to Arizona during winter
- knows all students' parents and grandparents personally
- misses old authority role
- could follow Hulst's footsteps and be promoted into presidency several years down the road.

"Oh this is just great! I love the students. Back in '63 I had this one kid. . . What was the question? Do I know your family? Oh yeah, Dean of Students, that's me! Can't you just see it? I'm through with retirement anyway. Now let me tell you about my idea for a surrogate campus in Arizona. I know this great place..."



Photos by Angela Eriksen

Did you know...

President Hulst has only been to chapel twice this year?

the seventeen percent miscellaneous is equal to Darryl Raih's vacation fund?

Dr. Schaap's new novel was censored from Dordt's library?

Kent Zevenbergen gambled his wife away in Las Vegas?

the library is building a solitary confinement cell?

the Commons sold their peas to the hunting club?

Coach Vander Berg failed the drug test?

chapel meets twice a week?

the 1989 registration line will include a breath-a-lyzer test?

the library's newest book's copyright is 1965?

Professor Kok has renewed the book *What is Red?* 48 times?

Elvis was seen in the snack bar?

President Hulst is permanently vacationing in Monte Carlo?

there's chapel before cookies?



The
next
Dean of
Students?

New course requirement: Marriage 101

by N. Gaged

Students are always grumbling about taking required classes to graduate--General 200, General 300, Western Civ., PE 10, English 101, just to name a few. Now another class has been added to the list, but many students will find it won't be too difficult to meet.

The Academics Policy Committee has just passed a proposal that all students graduating from Dordt must meet the requirements of a new class, Preparing for Marriage 101. The Curriculum Committee has been defining the goals and requirements of the class. Some course topics include: "How to Cruise East Hall," "What You and Your Date Can Do on Campus," "Working Around Visiting Hours," and "Where to Look for an Inexpensive Engagement Ring." The only requirement is that after four years, each student must be engaged. Along with the course comes the option of being married right in the Dordt Chapel by Dr. J.B. Hulst. Each year one lucky couple will be chosen to spend an all-expense-paid night in a Dordt trailer of the couple's choice.

Students may meet the requirement without taking the class. "The class is instituted for those who are having problems finding a mate at Dordt

College," says Dr. Ribbens, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "We just want to help students along. We believe that Dordt meets the needs of the whole person, and this class is another way to meet the needs of our student body."

Most profs do not believe the requirement will be hard to meet. Dr. Cal Jongsma, who has been given a grant to do a study on the ratio of Dordt's engagements in comparison to other northwest Iowa colleges, says, "As of now 89.4 percent of Dordt's grads meet the engagement requirement already. That means only 10.6 percent of the student body will have to take the class."

Right now applicants are being interviewed for the teaching position. Dr. Vander Kooi and Dr. Ribbens are the top candidates. Vander Kooi would like to require all students to take the class if he is successful in securing the position. He says, "All students can benefit by learning problem solving techniques and by discussing Ed and Wanda in my class." Another applicant for the position is Mike Epema; however, he will need advanced training in order to fit the job description sufficiently.

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letters to the editor

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To the editor:

Walking from the SUB to the classroom building, one cannot help but notice the tree which grows directly to the north of the library closest to the point where the three sidewalks converge. We are disappointed at why our maintenance personnel allows such a tree to continue to occupy this space.

Perhaps they are unaware that it blocks the view from the Library to the parking space by East Hall or that it also blocks the view from the gym to the western most windows in the north wall of the library.

Obviously, they have not noticed that when the wind blows from any direction except the south, the leaves from the tree will inevitably fall on one of the sidewalks which meet near its base. Dordt must then pay workstudy people to remove the leaves from the sidewalks.

People have commented that the tree is frequented by more dogs than most trees on campus. Surely dogs do not find this tree more amusing than other trees; its location in such a heavily traveled spot invites the dogs to urinate there. Whatever the case, this has definite implications for prospective students who regularly

pass under the tree on campus tours.

Bicyclists who come around the corner of the library and have to swerve to miss pedestrians on the sidewalk also must swerve for the tree. Campus cops live in constant danger of people who may be hanging from the branches of the tree.

We are convinced that as long as this tree continues to exist, Dordt will lose at least one game a year to Northwestern.

And what will Synod say when it comes to Dordt in 1991? "They decorated the halls of the classroom building, but they didn't get rid of this tree!"

It has also been brought to our attention that if one faces the tree from the vantage point of the birdhouse, ignores the middle limb, and draws an imaginary line between two of the twigs on the bottom limb, the branches come together to form the Calvin College insignia.

There were enough trees on campus before the tree in front of the library was planted. Let us hope that the leaders of this college will make wiser decisions in the future concerning the physical aspects of the campus.

Johnny Applecore

April 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						April Fool's Day Go back three spaces
	Last day of Spring Break 	Kiss Spring Break good-bye 		Chapel, 10:00 Special guest star: Bill Murray You missed it!		
Stormin' Norman meets Bernice 	B.J. Yawn Lecture Series 	B.J. Yawn Lecture Series, continued 	Last Day for rubber checks 		Cold Turkey Day Try to quit smoking 	Hot Turkey Day Smoke your brains out
	FDA inspection of the Commons 		Movie: Sesame Street Live! 		Science Building expansion: Groundblasting ceremonies 	
Sunday nite logo party East Campus, B11 		Cholesterol appreciation day Sneak Bar 		SUB Club at Doc's 		MVS Going-away party: Be there, Be square
Happy Anniversary Doug and Henrietta 						

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Hulst bars frosh from athletics

President Hulst said this week that he is following the move made by University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings and barring freshmen from participating in all sports.

On Wednesday Hulst ordered Dordt faculty to observe more closely the academic work of athletes. "For some time now, our athletes at Dordt College have been showing negligence in the scholastic realm."

"I have considered the opinions of Mr. Van Soelen, Coach Vanderberg, and Terry Branstad, and still have concluded that our freshmen are missing the jist of the Quality

Christian Higher Education that we offer here at Dordt College.

Rick Vander Berg was unavailable for comment, but sources have reported sounds of stomping from inside his office.

"He's killing Rick and Mary over there," coach Ray Naky of Briar Cliff says of Hulst. I can't imagine that. *#%&!, there's nothing wrong with the program at Dordt."

North Hall has already planned another riot which is scheduled for Tuesday, the 18th. An anonymous source says, "This time were going to have the fire department here too."

Horrorscope

by I. C. Future

ARIES: If you go to Dordt College, watch out. Some member of the opposite sex may be out to make you engaged.

TAURUS: Be wary of any bald person who freely offers advice.

GEMINI: You will wonder whether your obsession with stars rivals Nancy Reagan's.

CANCER: An old friend could help you; make a long distance phone call on your father's calling card.

LEO: If you're feeling a bit cocky, go talk to your professors about the grades you're getting.

VIRGO: If you went on a long trip over Spring Break, skip a few classes to get back in the mood.

LIBRA: Beware of an aborted riot; avoid East and North Hall for a few days.

SCORPIO: Put off that phone call to Mom and don't tell her how much money you spent on Spring Break.

SAGITTARIUS: Your next goal is to learn how to spell "Sagittarius."

CAPRICORN: Sometime in the next week you will consider changing majors; think about it for a day or so, then forget about it.

AQUARIUS: Things are going your way, so call your favorite man/woman and tell them...

PISCES: If you are a Pisces, you will read this one first; otherwise it is the last one you are reading.

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- ☐ His highlighter is running low on ink
- ☐ His roommates are wondering if he's coming back

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U2 and the Christian's task in culture

by Chuck Adams

I think some people are missing out on a great musical experience by not listening to what is now called "rock 'n' roll" music. Many people who enjoy so-called "serious" music merely write off modern rock music as unimportant and worthless. I have heard sincere Christians criticize "Christian rock" because they believe Christians should be involved in serious music. Although I think "Christian rock" has a long way to go before it becomes a high-quality genre, I think this is the wrong attitude to have. The basic elements of rock 'n' roll are God's creations and although these elements are new to the Western music scene, the fact remains that rock music is simply another area of life which we as Christians are to work in promoting the glory of God.

One of the most popular groups of the 1980's is the band U2. Based in Ireland, U2 has been singing the kind of music that makes you want to dance or tap your feet and at the same time makes you uneasy. As U2's lead singer puts it in a live version of

"Silver and Gold" on their recent *Rattle and Hum* LP, their music "bugs you." Although U2 is not a "Christian" band in the traditional sense, they sing lyrics based on an understanding of the Bible and a sensitivity for a Christian's task in the world.

Two songs especially stick with you as Christian in nature: "Gloria" from their early *October*, and "40" (a versification of Psalm 40) from their *War* LP. However, besides these two songs, other songs emerge as embracing many of the same themes and ideas we embrace. "Pride (In the name of love)" is, on the surface, an ode to slain civil rights hero Martin Luther King, Jr. However, one needs only listen closely to detect the reference to Jesus Christ's death on the cross to ensure eternal peace for us, as well as our Christian obligation to do what we can to promote the peace of Christ on earth today, even if it means death, as it did for King.

The song "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" from the

Joshua Tree LP is a product of the search made by the members of U2 to explain their faith. Although the group has worked to avoid being classified as a "Jesus band," several members of the group have revealed a strong faith in Christ. Their search for truth, exemplified in "I Still Haven't Found" is repeated in their latest album, *Rattle and Hum*, when they sing the song with a gospel choir. Certainly, they haven't found what they're looking for, but what man can truly say he has? As a Christian, our search for God's will for our lives never ceases.

As a final example, three songs from the *War* LP illustrate U2's search for truth and for a way to live out that truth. In "Drowning Man," U2 paints a musical picture of God rescuing sinful man from drowning in a world of sin, singing words from the Scriptures: "Rise up, rise up with wings, like eagles you'll run, you'll run, you'll run and not grow weary." In "Like a Song..." U2 first depicts our sinful world--"And we fight amongst

ourselves, Too set in our ways to try to rearrange"--then cries out to God, "A new heart is what I need, Oh God make it bleed." Finally, in "Sunday, Bloody Sunday," the understanding emerges from the rubble of sectarian struggle between Christians in Northern Ireland that "The real battle [is] just begun, to claim the victory Jesus won."

Certainly there is more music out there that we as Christians ought to be aware of. Christians are not meant to be holed up in our own world, allowing only what we consider to be proper to come into contact with us. Like U2, we should be struggling in a sinful world to come to a realization of what it is we are called to do in the seemingly hopeless corruption and sin of the world around us. Only when we are out in the world, learning, crying, working, and praying, will we be able to do what we are called to do: "claim the victory Jesus won."

Series honors Haan

by Tim Kramer

"Rhythm" can be a difficult word to spell depending on how you've learned it, says Dordt Professor John Hofland. He says there are different ways to remember how to spell words other than just memorizing them. And it is the different approaches to learning and spelling words like "rhythm" that was the topic of this year's B.J. Haan Educational Conference Series.

On Monday and Tuesday night, educators and students met to hear lecture series coordinator John Van Dyk, King's College professor Alyce Oosterhuis, and Dordt professor John Hofland lecture on and discuss "Learning Styles: Their Significance for the Christian Teacher."

Alyce Oosterhuis has done research and some experiments of her own on learning styles and was on hand at the conference as a lecturer and a resource person. This semester she has engaged her educational-psychology students in an experiment involving the effects of environment on learning. As part of the experiment, students brought pillows to class and doused the overhead florescent lights. But at the end of the semester she says the absence of a control group will make the experiment inconclusive.

In conjunction with the conference *inter nos* sessions--Latin for "among us"--were also held on Monday,

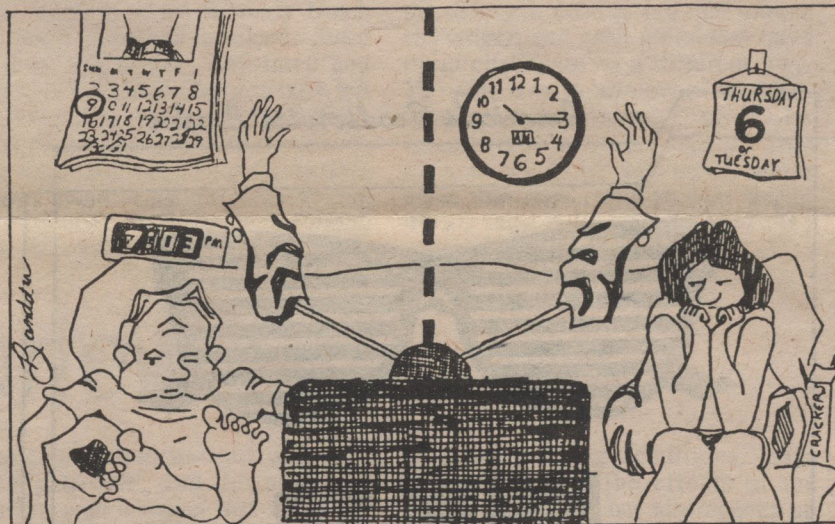
Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings. Van Dyk says the *inter nos* meetings were brainstorming sessions in which educators or anyone who wanted to come could discuss the conference's theme.

This year's B.J. Haan conference was the sixth in a ten year series of lectures. In 1982, the Dordt College Board of Trustees established the conference in honor of Rev. Haan's twenty three years as college president. The purpose of the series is to conduct meetings on Christian education.

Van Dyk says Rev. Haan's tremendous contribution to Christian education across the country and to Dordt College is the reason why the conferences focus on Christian education each year. He says the annual meetings are a way of "keeping Rev. Haan's contributions alive."

Also as part of the conference, an honorary dinner for Rev. Haan was held Monday night. The dinner, attended by faculty members who are part of the teacher education program, is also held annually.

In the future, Van Dyk says the conferences will continue to focus on Christian education. He says next year's conference will likely be a continuation of this year's and might discuss how teachers can make use of different learning styles.



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sports

Softball and baseball: Young teams hit diamond

by Steve Hoogland

This year's men's baseball team consists of seven first year players. The pitching staff especially is an example of the youthful Defenders. Graduation took five of last years players and two other letter winners didn't return.

Because the Defenders lack experience, they are off to a rough start in the 1989 season. They posted a 1-4 record in Texas over spring break. Since classes started one and a half weeks ago, they have lost two games to Briar Cliff. Tuesday, the Defenders traveled to Mitchell, South Dakota, to play Dakota Wesleyan. Both games were close, with the Defenders coming up two shy in each

with the scores of 7-5 and 4-2.

Head Coach Visker will mark success in ways other than games won or lost. "A successful season would be to play good fundamental baseball. If we can work hard at that, the wins and losses will take care of themselves."

Visker believes that the strength of this years team is very versatile. That gives him a number of options at coaching.

This weekend presents an excellent opportunity to see the Defenders in action. They play doubleheaders against Westmar here in Sioux Center at 3:00 on Friday and Northwestern 12:30 Saturday.



Photo by Angela Eriksen

Patti Boer delivers a pitch in a recent game.

by Stephanie Vos

The Dordt women's softball team has already played seven of their twenty-eight games this season. The Lady Defenders are currently 0-7. Many of the losses were by one run, the result of an error in the wrong place. But according to Coach Schutten, "It will soon be on their side." Dordt has lost to nationally ranked Augustana who is second in Division II.

Coach Schutten said that the young team with eight freshmen out of twelve players has been learning something and cutting down on mistakes. There has been improvement in every game. Being a good team to work with, Coach Schutten says the team will finish strong. The Lady Defenders play a double-header against Morningside on April 18 at Open Space Park.

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